

(MR. SPEAKER.)

motion for this purpose and withdraw the notice of the adjournment motion.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—I agree, Sir.

Free use of Telephones by Members.

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Apart from this, I want to bring another thing to the notice of the House. I want to know whether the mofussil members who have been provided with free lodging and board would not be entitled to free use of telephones. Secondly, the list in respect of telephone calls maintained there is rather curious. We have to write our name and to whom we have made that call. We have to make these entries every time as if we are all criminals. Why should they insist on writing the name of the person to whom we phone? We might have phoned to a person whose name we want to keep secret. Firstly, I would like to say that all fees may be waived during the Assembly Session. But if the Government insist on payment, they should not insist that we should write the names. Let them maintain a clerk; let him be on the look out and let him maintain the particulars of the persons who use the telephone. Now the peon comes there and asks for two annas or asks us to write the names. It is a humiliating position. All these things will have to be considered. The best thing would be that the members may be given free telephone service during the course of the session as they are given free quarter and free furniture and free stationery. This is a small matter which the Government must concede.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What does the Treasury Bench say?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That will be examined. I quite see the point raised regarding the columns suggested in the book we have maintained there. I see no reason why those columns should be maintained there at all. Suitable alterations will be made.

BUDGET FOR 1955-56—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—CUT MOTIONS.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Regarding cut motions, I have got something to say at present. Yesterday, there was discussion as to the procedure to be adopted for the discussion of the Demands. I suggested yesterday that all cut motions need not be moved, but they may be referred to the concerned authorities and we may select one important Demand and have full-dressed debate on that. Though it was sympathetically received in many quarters, my friends on the Treasury Bench did not want to adopt this procedure. It is our experience practically for the last six days, to use Sri Puttaswamy's word, that we have wasted our time. We are here to discuss the policy of Government on each Demand and not to ventilate our local grievances. Further, the procedure is so curious that nearly 200 cut motions are tabled and one member gets hardly one minute to speak and the Government take away the remaining time. Moreover no cut motion is discussed in particular and votes taken either for or against it. Sir, it is not at all a debate and it has become a farce. I even now therefore suggest to the members of the Treasury Bench to accept the procedure that I have suggested. What I feel is that the members of the Treasury Bench, according to convention, have no right to table cut motions because their business is to play the songs of the Government and to support them. The object of the cut motion is to censure the Government and it is not at all the privilege of the members of the Treasury Bench to send cut motions. On the other hand, they table cut motions and they are so insistent that it leads to the inevitable conclusion that they want to deprive the Opposition of their right of criticism and, secondly, through these cut motions they want to shield the Government from further criticism and thirdly they are denying an opportunity to this House wherein important matters of policy and important matters pertaining to the future set up could be discussed. We are thereby wasting away our time. Even now, I suggest that in the next six days we